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TILBURY's Debriefing of TILBURY/1

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1. The enclosed debriefings (Enclosures A and B) of TILBURY/1 (Iden A of C □ 446) were conducted by TILBURY at the request of KUBARK and presumably without the knowledge of the TIEBARS. A copy of the questions prepared by the Station and submitted to TILBURY is transmitted as enclosure C.
2. The questions were originally designed for use as a preliminary debriefing that could be used as a basis for a more detailed interrogation either through TILBURY or by a KUBARK interrogator, if access to TILBURY/1 could be obtained. The change of plans reported in C □ 482 make it impossible to follow up the leads turned up in the enclosed debriefing, unless the operation aborts and TILBURY/1 returns to Sweden. To date we have received no indications from either TILBURY or the TIEBARS that the TIEBARS attempted to carry out a similar CE debriefing to establish the bona fides of TILBURY/1 and the organization.

Enclosure A represents TILBURY's first effort to fulfill the requirements of the questionnaire. It is not a debriefing in the strict sense, because TILBURY has interlarded his own comments on the organization. The answers contained in Enclosure A were accompanied by a note from TILBURY in which he explained that the clandestine organization who sent TILBURY/1 was based on the policy of secrecy of identities and that he, TILBURY, had always respected this policy and had never asked for names. In addition, he reported that TILBURY/1 had been sworn to secrecy not to reveal names of contacts. However, after the receipt of 2500 rones support TILBURY informed us that he had been able to persuade TILBURY/1 to provide the requested details, by explaining to him that if his task was to attempt to get support from the AIS via TILBURY, he must provide TILBURY with enough facts about the organization and the exfiltration to enable TILBURY

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to make a convincing case when he attempted to interest the AIS. TILBURY states that the organization does not know that he already is in contact with AIS. Although TILBURY does not specifically say so it must be assumed that TILBURY/1 knows that some group other than the TIEBARS is involved. This point will be clarified. According to TILBURY, TILBURY/1 bought the argument and the answers in Enclosure B were the result. It is suspected that the 2500 roses also played their part.

4. The inconsistencies and peculiar statements in the debriefing increase tremendously - almost to the point of confirmation - the suspicion that that TIEBARS assets in LATVIA (centered around the w/t station VALDENHAR) are RIS controlled on some level. (This suspicion also exists in relation to the TIEBARS assets in Estonia.) The following are some of the facts and inconsistencies that seem to indicate a KGB operation:

- a. TILBURY/1 has been unable to hold a permanent job because when his past (membership in the Latvian Legion and presumably his father's anti-communist record) comes to light he must move to another job. A low financial status is also indicated by the facts that he is currently unemployed. Despite his financial status he owns a Mercedes automobile. According to our knowledge of Soviet reality, private ownership of any automobile is not the rule, let alone a Mercedes.
- b. TILBURY/1 is a member of the MVD sponsored Dynamo sports club.
- c. The primary aim of his exfiltration was to contact the AIS and obtain its support. In return the clandestine organization voluntarily offers support and shelter for AIS agents in Latvia, as well as the collection of intelligence.
- d. Details of the exfiltration leave many unanswered questions. For example, if Ventspils is in a restricted zone - Headquarters can confirm this - TILBURY/1 had no restricted area permits in his passport. Why was it necessary for him to meet a cutout in Ventspils instead of travelling direct to Riga and contacting KLAVALAPA directly. The rubber boat was issued to him by his contact in Riga, instead of being provided by the fisherman. If the TIEBARS are able to recover the boat, we will attempt to obtain it for KURIOT examination.
- e. The casual way in which he requested readmission into the clandestine organization in 1947.

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5. The above are but a few of the questions raised by TILBURY/1's answers. Unfortunately, they will not be answered by him, barring his return to Sweden. However, there would appear to be enough information to enable Headquarters to analyze this operation in light of known KGB operations of this type that have been doubled in other parts of the world. Therefore, Headquarters' support is requested in trying to determine the status of this operation. Specifically the following support is requested.
- a. Complete name traces of all personalities mentioned by TILBURY/1, including information from ☐ ☐ and ☐ ☐ Please note that we have promised TILBURY that personality information will be given strict security protection.
 - b. Make a comparative analysis of the information in the debriefing in light of known KGB operations, including ☐ ☐ If further specific information is needed, it can perhaps be obtained from TILBURY.
 - c. Analyze the information in this debriefing in relation to known Soviet reality.
 - d. Inform the ☐ ☐ Station of the factual basis for suspicions of VALDENAR that have already been voiced by Headquarters.
6. It is believed that the Headquarters support requested above is justified because the entire TIEBARS/TILBURY, ☐ ☐ complex inside the Baltic States is currently producing very little as positive intelligence operation in relation to the case officer time involved. However, the operation cannot get off the present dead center without the support requested from Headquarters. The indications are that it is an RIS operation. However, the ☐ ☐ Station does not have sufficient information on proven DA operations to make a qualified conclusion. If in the opinion of a qualified LCMFROVE expert the operation is RIS, it should be run as an aggressive LCMFROVE case. (The s/w link to TILBURY/1 can be used as the initial opening.) In its present indeterminate state the operation is too shaky to use for KUBARK operational support or for positive intelligence. Of even more importance is the relationship to liaison. According to their own admission the TIEBARS depend on their Baltic operations for early warning of hostile Soviet action. However, judging from what is known of their handling of TILBURY/1, the TIEBARS have made little effort to establish the bona fides of TILBURY/1 or of the organization that he represents. Furthermore, they could not do a thorough OE job without KUBARK experience and assistance. If the KUBARK analysis of

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the operation justifies the conclusion that the TIEBARS Latvian
[] and TILBURY/1 should be run as double agents, ways of
presenting this conclusion to TIEBARS (without hurting TILBURY)
will be explored.

7. Through the debriefing, TILBURY uses the alias COLLINS for TILBURY/1.

Enclosures:

- A. - Debriefing, 5ccs.
- B. - Debriefing, 5ccs.
- C. - Questions to TILBURY, 3ccs.

Distribution:

- 1-HEADQUARTERS w/encls. as noted
- 2. [] w/3 encls.

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1. Organization which your friend represents:

A. Its name.

The organization has no name; when someone speaks of it the designation "PULKVEDIS" can be employed (PULKVEDIS in Latvian means Colonel).

B. Number of active members.

The number of active members is approximately 150.

C. Specific Locality (town names) in which the organization is active.

RIGA, LIEPAJA, VENTSPILS, LIMBAZI, SIGULDA and out in the country in the provinces, VIBZEME and KURZEME.

D. What are the specific aims of the organization and how is it attempting to accomplish these aims?

The organization is not engaged in sabotage or propaganda activities because at this time this would serve no purpose and is too dangerous. The aim of the organization is to prepare for the liberation of Latvia by supporting, observing and registering possible future members who would be drawn into an active organization in the future. The organization also collects various data and information regarding current conditions in Latvia, economic conditions and military as well as political occurrences. It also attempts to continue and further contact with abroad.

E. When and how was it organized?

The organization is a nucleus of that organization which had originally been created in 1943 and which had been considerably reduced (the number of members and activities) in 1951 to its present structure. The reason for this reduction and curtailment of activities was the fact that an extensive organization served no purpose and became dangerous, it was also not possible to support it any longer financially (the program incorporating the farms KOLKHOZES; inadequate aid from abroad).

F. Names of the persons in the organization with whom your friend is in contact. Give details including their addresses, occupations, how active they are, and what are their tasks for the organization.

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F. (cont'd) I Tilbury was present when the organization was founded in 1943 and was acquainted with most of the leading personalities at that time. The organization recruited persons of various professional backgrounds and from various walks of life - professors, former officers, government officials, landowners, college students and workers. The persons recruited were considered completely reliable and had been under observation for a number of years. At the time of the aforementioned re-organization, I was here in Sweden as the representative of this organization and as a result do not know who the leading personalities are. I have remained true to the basic principles of the organization and have consequently not attempted to collect the names of members because that is too dangerous and at present completely unnecessary. Identification can be effected by various signals and passwords. OZOLINS receives his assignments in most cases anonymously (PULVEDIS) and does not know his superiors. Moreover, he is also sworn not to reveal to anyone - no matter who it may be - anything regarding members of the organization. In case it became absolutely necessary to know who the members of the organization are; it has been planned that this information be transmitted by the organization.

G. Name as many as you can of the individuals you have heard are connected with the organization, especially the names and details about the leaders.

NA.

H. What specific task was your friend sent out to accomplish for the organization?

No one in the organization has any definite and particular assignments. Everyone is utilized as best as can be possible by taking advantage of all existing conditions. OZOLINS has been utilized in observation, transportation, collection of information, and presently as a courier.

I. Why and how was he chosen by the organization?

OZOLINS has been a member of the organization ever since its creation and was in active status during the period of his captivity as a Soviet POW in SOVJETSKJA GAVANJ (1945-46).

2. Biography of your friend. (Tilbury)

A. Name, birthdate, birthplace, father and mother, brothers and sisters.

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Peter OZOLINS (alias) born 2 April 1919 in Riga. Father - Hermans OZOLINS (alias). Mother - Milda. He was an only child.

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B. Education: where, what dates, subjects he studied.

Completed high school in Riga. Studied electrical engineering at the University of Riga.

C. Military service, branch of service, to what units was he attached, was he a prisoner of war?

Served in the Latvian Army (obligatory military service) 1939-40, branch of service artillery. In 1944-45 he served in the Latvian Legion and fought against the Communists. In May 1945 he was captured by the Russians and held as a POW for 1 1/2 years in SOVJETSKJA GAVANJ. He was then released and permitted to return to Riga.

D. Has he ever or does he now travel? Inside or outside his country? Where? When?

NA.

E. Work history since 1940.

1. Jobs held, where, when, reason for changing.

He worked as a farm hand on farms in VIDZEME because he could get no other job during the Communist occupation of Latvia as he is a son of a high government official.

2. Present job. What is his salary? Name and address of his superior and the chief of the cadre section.

He has worked in various jobs and had always been forced to leave his job when his past family history became known. At present he is unemployed.

3. Future prospects.

He has no definite future prospects but he is certain that at least for some limited period of time he will find some sort of a job. He is still studying electrical engineering.

F. Has he or any of his relatives been deported? When, where, why?

His father was deported in 1940. There is no information as to where he had been sent. The reason for having been deported is not known but it is assumed that it was because of his previous nationalistic activities and tendencies.

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G. What organizations, clubs, parties, does your friend belong to?

He belonged to no political parties. He is a member of the Union of Farm Workers. Belongs to the sport club "Dynamo".

H. Marital Status.

1. Is he married? Yes.

2. If so, name (maiden), birthdate, and birthplace of wife.

Régina nee KRUZE, date of birth, 16 January 1921, place of birth - RUJIANA, Latvia

3. Place and date of marriage.

Riga - 16 January 1947.

4. Names, birthdate and birthplace of children.

Marate (daughter) - 22 April 1949.

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1. Organization which your friend represents:

- F. Names of the persons in the organization with whom your friend is in contact. Give details including their addresses, occupations, how active they are, and what are their tasks for the organization.

The people with whom O. works together, whom he knows, and who assigned him his mission, and who will accept the report of what was carried out by him:

a. Dr. Harrijs BERGMANIS surgeon in II Municipal Hospital in Riga. The one from whom he most often receives instructions. He also made arrangements with him for the trip here and made preliminary preparations for the trip. O. does not know with whom H.B. is in contact on his side.

b. Bookkeeper Izolde VITOLS, lives in Riga, Dzirnau iela 27.

c. Construction engineer (Bautekniker) Hermans BERG residence in a new row house (blockhaus) on the park of the year 1905 (formerly Grizinkalus) etc. has not noticed the number of the house, because he knows it too well to confuse it with another house.

d. Electrician (Elekto-Mechaniker) Tugolfs ZILE - lives in Riga, Amatu street 7.

O has significantly less to do with these three latter than with H.B., who is his principal task giver. O. knows all these people personally and is summoned by them in writing or orally to meet. The word "Pulkvedis" is used as a sign that it deals with business of the organization. O. does not know exactly what other sort of tasks these people have. He knows only that on their side they have contacts with other members of the organization and that they themselves also carry out missions. In general they are assigned to various tasks, usually such as they are able to do the easiest on account of their positions, and other circumstances, acquaintanceships, etc. Thus my friend O. is often used to gather information on the condition of roads and bridges, because he owns a Mercedes (TILBURY originally wrote Moskvich, but crossed it out) and makes rather frequent drives and the like.

- G. Name as many as you can of the individuals you have heard are connected with the organization, especially the names and details about the leaders.

Among the people that he has heard or found out that belong to the organization, O. can name the following:

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- a. DINVIETIS /or DINVICTIS/ fnu, who is employed in the Artel "Sondaris" and whose mother should now be in the USA.
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- b. Dentist Oskars LEIMANIS, whose address he does not know.
IN LATVIA
- c. Dr. Med. Alfreds VITOLS (no relation of the above named Izolde VITOLS), who, in O's opinion is in a position of leadership. He works in the Peoples Health Department in Riga. I can confirm the latter. Dr. A. VITOLS was a fellow student of mine [i.e. TILBURY]. When I was still in Latvia he had a leading position in the organization. It is therefore certain that he now still has it. It is also certain that the professor of law at the University of Latvia, Ed. SCHIRONS, is still active as a leader in the organization. I Tilbury cannot assert with certainty whether any of the other persons are actively engaged.

1. I. Why and how was he chosen by the organization?

O. became a member of the organization in 1943 when he was recruited by an active member, J. CERINS (CERINS disappeared in 1945 without a trace.) O. was then used particularly for contact with the Latvian Legion, in which he had served.

3. Your friend's position in the organization.

A. What does he do for the organization?

The tasks vary, but mostly they deal with the collection of information, observation, and the purchase of necessary objects, either directly or through his acquaintances (who naturally are not allowed to know for whom and for what purpose the objects were needed.)

B. From whom does he receive instructions?

From the four persons named above, but mostly from H. BERGMANIS. L →

C. How does he receive instructions?

He is ordered by one of these persons to a meeting, where he receives the assignment orally from them.

D. How does he report to his superiors?

With the completion of the task, he makes an appointment for a meeting with the person - at a different place - where he then reports orally on the completion of the task. (The person who assigned tasks sometimes takes notes on loose leafs.) The small objects are delivered and it is agreed where the larger ones shall be handed over.

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- F. Give a summary of his past activities for the organization.
- E. After his work as the organization's contact man with the Legion, which by 1945 was no longer practical there was an interruption, when he was imprisoned by the Russians in 1945 and interned in the labor camp SOVETSKAYA GAVAN. When he was released at the end of 1946 and was allowed to return to Riga, he could not immediately resume the connection on account of general enfeeblement and because he had to be sure of recovery. He had met Dr. H. BERGMANIS. However, neither of them mentioned the organization; B. certainly because he still wanted to observe O. Not until after his marriage [16 Jan 1947] did O. begin to make inquiries again to Dr. H.B. about the organization. When he learned that it was still in existence, he offered his cooperation, which was accepted after a short time. Then began his activity as it is sketched above.
- G. What are his specific instructions for reporting to the organization on his return?

The courier was sent on my [TILBURY's] suggestion which was made a year and a half ago. The purpose was to learn the details about the conditions and the state of mind in Latvia, to orient the organization about the situation in the world, to bring into conformity the prospect for suitable tactics and the setting of the next objectives of the organization, etc. After O's arrival it became apparent that the organization is, moreover, very interested in establishing closer contact with the Intelligence organization of the USA; partly, because in general it considers a contact with the USA to be very important and partly it hopes to get better financial support (and principally regular support) for its work. On its side the organization could, besides collecting intelligence, promise all possible help and shelter for possible American agents there. But for practical reasons the hitherto existing contact with Sweden must be maintained undiminished. I would very much like to hear your views on the possibility of such an arrangement, in connection with which the technical details could be discussed.

As it now stands, O's return trip will very probably be postponed for about 10 days, or at least one week, because the original project cannot be carried out immediately. According to the original project, O. is to be picked up by the fisherman KLAVLAPA, who was to sail his boat about 45 nautical miles toward Gotland in the Baltic where he was to expect O. O. will be taken there by a customs cutter, while two two-engined fighters [Zertorer von der Luft] direct the rendezvous. It cannot be carried out because at the moment KLAVLAPA is not in a position to go to sea according to a radiogram that was received here yesterday. [11 or 12 June 55] The preparations are now made to enable O. to sail through the Kolka Straits into the Gulf of Riga in a specially built motor boat. The boat is very low and develops a speed of 27 knots, (cruising speed, 22 knots) and is powered by a rather soundless Ford motor.

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The boat is ready to start, but navigational instruction for O. is still needed. (He has had 8 years of sailing experience and an acquaintance with motors.) A trail run is also still necessary. This will take several days to get the results. O. himself is interested in this project and thinks that while the delay will make it more difficult to explain his absence at home, it will not be impossible by any means. But thereby we will have more time here and that makes it possible to think through the above sketched suggestion quietly and with no undue haste shown.

Concerning the question of currency, my friend O., who is extremely grateful for the 2500 rubles already received, believes that he has very secure possibilities in Riga to sell foreign currency - dollars or pounds at a very advantageous rate to people known to him, who would like nothing better than to invest their savings in foreign currencies. He would therefore very much like to take back dollars or pounds (in larger denominations) in place of rubles. If you have the possibility and the aim to support the organization to a further extent, he would love to have dollar and pound notes.

4. Details of your friend's trip.

A. Write a detailed chronological description of the recent trip from the moment he left his home until he arrived here. This should include:

1. A map giving the exact route he followed.

See sketch No. 1.

2. Hours of the day that he passed through various towns enroute.

The trip from Riga took place in midweek on 25 May at about 1500 hours by means of a truck from the fishing kolkhoz "Sarkana Baka" in Ventspils. O. made an agreement with the driver to drive him to Ventspils for 400 rubles. At about 1800 they passed through Saldus, 1930 through Kuldiga, and arrived in Ventspils at about 2100. In Ventspils he met his contact man between 2100 and 2200 in the municipal park at the Statue of the Maiden of Physical Culture as had been previously agreed on. After he had identified the contact man from a description given by his task assigner, he spoke to him with the agreed upon recognition phrase. He did not know the contact-man personally, knowing only that he is a harbor employee in Ventspils, a man of middle age, and that he was to be addressed by the name, ANSIS. This man took him to Roja via Kolka on his motorcycle, arriving in Roja at about 0100 hours on 26 May. Here he had to wait in the woods for a time, while ANSIS looked for the fisherman KLAVLAPA, and brought him back to O. KLAVLAPA took O. immediately to his boat, which was lying completely unguarded in the harbor, and O. had to wait in the cabin for further instructions.

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3. The times of departure and arrival of any busses, trains, etc. that he used in travelling.

Neither railroad nor bus were used.

4. How was the trip arranged? When was it first planned at home? By whom? How many people knew about the trip? Give their names.

First the organization's orders to travel to Sweden as a courier were delivered to him in January 1955 by J. BERGMANIS. He agreed in principle, but his work situation at that time did not permit him an inconspicuous disappearance. When he quit his job in April and was permitted a couple of weeks' absence from his technical studies, he informed H.B. and his departure was arranged by the organization. Beforehand, he knew only the way that he was to go, otherwise no details. He did not get to know the fisherman KLAVLAPA until the departure at Roja. On the morning of 25 May he was made aware of the date of departure, and the contact man "ANSIS", as well as being informed the password. He had to organize the trip to Ventspils himself. Whereupon he hired the truck of the fishing Kolkhoz (he made the agreement with the driver.) Later he got from H.B. travel money, a rubber boat, and a tin can that was soldered shut. He was to give the can to me [TILBURY] here. (This he did. The can contained a report on Latvia, which had suffered somewhat from the water and which you will get from me after it has been deciphered. It also contained a number of blanks and forms, which I had to give to the [TIEBARS].)

5. Give the full names of the captain and crew of the boat.

The captain of the boat is Eduards KLAVLAPA (born 1909) and besides him was his somewhat younger brother, whose name O. did not know. Usually four men are on this boat, but this trip was to Ventspils for repair, which was to take about a week and not a fishing trip on which there was only a two man crew. This condition had caused the suddenness of the departure.

6. Draw a map of the port where the trip boat was tied up.

O. cannot draw a plan of the harbor, because he travelled in the darkness of the boat and had never earlier been in Roja. He knows only that he had to walk over several boats in order to get to K's boat. The fishing harbor and the boats in Roja were completely unguarded.

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4. A. (cont'd)

7. Describe how and when your friend went on board the boat.

About an hour after his arrival he was led onto the boat and remained in the cabin there until the time of departure.

8. Where was he hidden? Draw a sketch of the boat.

From the beginning he was not at all hidden, but sat openly in the cabin. The sketch of the boat is in attachment 2.

9. How long was he on board before the boat left?

The boat put to sea at 0500.

10. Was there an inspection of the boat? Describe.

No inspection of the boat took place in Roja.

11. How did he get from the boat to here?

At the point marked on sketch No. 1 the boat was stopped by three Soviet patrol boats that ordered them to anchor. There were two "S" boats and one larger ship. K. immediately hid O. under an empty case in the cargo hold and put a large pile of nets over this. O. himself was not able to observe the search, but K. later told him that the search had been quite thorough, and that the searchers had poked in the heap of nets several times. But O. himself did not hear that the case under which he was lying was struck by the probing instrument. The search lasted about a half hour, but O. was let out much later (it seemed to him that it was after a couple of hours.) They then sailed to a point off Ovizi where they headed for Gotland. By evening they were off the island, but the high seas did not permit a trip with the rubber boat that had been brought along, for which reason they turned back out to sea and anchored. On Friday 27 May they tried again, had motor trouble, which took a very long time, and in the evening saw a light which they took for Gotland. But this was false and he does not know yet what sort of light this really was. After that at about 12 o'clock he got into the rubber boat and rowed to the island. At 9 o'clock in the morning (of 28 May) the sea was again high and the boat filled up with water. At 10:30 he notified the ship HERNODIA on a course north and hailed it. He was taken on the ship, where the rubber boat remained. (The Swedish ship HERNODIA was steaming to Helsinki. The Swedish authorities have asked for the rubber boat back from the ship, but have not yet received it.) On the ship O. passed

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4. 11. (Cont'd) himself off as a refugee Klaipeda, Lithuania and kept his name secret. HERNODIA called the Swedish authorities on Gotland, and O. was picked up by a customs cruiser off Slite and handed over to the Landfiskal of Slite B. BONDE, Tom Paul Berthil BONDE, born 1903 who took him to his cottage in the woods. His arrival went rather unnoticed on Gotland. On the evening of the same day I and a friend TIEBAR picked him up and we flew on a scheduled flight to Stockholm on 29 May.

- B. What reasons did he give to his wife and friends and fellow workers to explain his absence?

His wife knew nothing about the trip and believes that he got temporary work in Latvia outside of Riga. He wrote several letters to his wife, which he gave to H.B., who will have them sent to his wife at certain intervals of time. Such absences have been frequent in the past. He is convinced that his wife does not suspect anything. Since he is now out of a job, there is nothing that needs to be done to protect him at his work place.

- C. How will he explain any purchases he made here upon his return?

Objects of foreign origin - clothing, watches, and in general everything from abroad - are no longer dangerous, for they come into the country in large quantities by a variety of ways. Partly they are available from time to time in the shops, but for the greater part they are imported as contraband by sailors and are sent to individual persons by relatives who are located abroad. In Liepaja there are even shops that deal secretly in contraband articles. Foreign articles are now openly carried about and no one asks where they came from. O. recently saw a woman on the streets in Riga wearing a kerchief on which the USA flag was printed. No one cares about it. So now it is possible to take everything to Latvia and sell it there without running any risk.